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# FAITH & FAMILY LINK



## WEEKLY TRIVIA

### Question #2:

Connect the Match Word with the proper answer

**Match Word:** Jethro  
(Exod. 18:1)

- A. Moses' father-in-law
- B. Moses' son by Zipporah
- C. Aaron's father-in-law

Find the Weekly Trivia Answer on page 2.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 15~6:00 Mass & Open House
- Sept 22~6:15-7:30- Faith Formation Classes begin
- Oct 13~5:30 Pizza & Prayer
- Oct 13~6:20 Rosary
- Oct 20~NO Class- Education MN
- Nov 24~NO Class- Happy Thanksgiving

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## WELCOME BACK!

*We want to welcome, thank and pray for this years catechists:*

### Sunday School

- \* *Nicole Hvidsten*
- Grade 1**
- \* *Mary Fahrenkamp*
- \* *Alyssa Fahrenkamp*
- \* *Stefeni Tupy*
- \* *Nicole Remus*

### Grade 2

- \* *Cathy Hummel*
- \* *Nicole Paden*
- \* *Barb Ulschmid*
- \* *Sara Zweber*

### Grade 3

- \* *Jen Berglund*
- Grade 4**
- \* *Cheryl Carstens*
- \* *Brady Carstens*
- \* *Kim Holden*
- \* *Shanna Gutzke-Kupp*

- \* *Nicole Tupy*
- Grade 5**
- \* *Stephanie Erickson*
- \* *Jodi Werner*
- Grade 6**
- \* *Shawn Wessel*
- \* *Tony Bisek*
- Grade 7**
- \* *Kathy Anderson*
- \* *Taylor Anderson*

### Grade 8

- \* *Mike Bartusek*
- \* *Bill Belkengren*
- \* *Cathy Rutt*
- Grade 9**
- \* *Ann Soderlund*
- \* *Kris Beatrez*
- \* *Leah Zvanovec*
- \* *Lisa Lehman*
- \* *Lynn Schoenbauer*

- \* *Lu Tupy*

### Grade 10

- \* *Kevin Higgins*
- \* *Brian Dudley*
- \* *JoAnn Maruska*
- \* *Tim Hinricher*
- \* *Tom Scaramuzza*
- \* *Rose Scaramuzza*
- \* *Deb Sirek*
- \* *Brad Bardon*
- \* *Tery Bennett*
- \* *Michael Breiner*
- \* *Mary Wick*

### Grade 11

- \* *Ruth Weinandt*
- \* *Sandy Scheffler*
- \* *Lynn Schoenbauer*
- \* *Dan O'Neill*
- \* *Lucy Barta*

### Grade 12

- \* *Andrea Gibbs*
- \* *Jeremy Gibbs*
- \* *Dave Sticha*
- \* *Jean Sticha*
- \* *Carol Olson*
- \* *Mat Hdapp*

## LITURGICAL YEAR

Just as a typical calendar has four seasons, twelve months, fifty-two weeks, and 365 days that include holidays, solemn days, commemorative days, and days that are just "average," the Liturgical Year Calendar of the Church uses similar terms and measurements.

The Liturgical Year is also marked by special seasons—Advent, Christmas, Lent, The Triduum or Three Days, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The Liturgical Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, which usually occurs around the end of November or the beginning of December, and ends on the feast of Christ the King.

However, the purpose of the Liturgical Year Calendar is not to mark the passage of time, but to celebrate and understand more fully the entire mystery of Jesus Christ, from his incarnation and

birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of his return in glory. During the course of a year, the paschal mystery—the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus—is viewed from different angles, in different lights.

The Liturgical Year Calendar first tells us what readings the Church has designated to be used for each day. Then it names the special feasts and commemorations celebrated during each season. These are listed one week at a time. A small colored cross reflects the color of the vestments to be worn by the priest during each celebration of the liturgy.

Watch the space to the left for information about the liturgical year including season, color & any feast days.

**Liturgical Year**  
**Season:**  
 Ordinary Time  
**Color:** Green  
**Feast Days:**  
 16~St. Cornelius  
 21~St. Matthew

## What is Catholic Social Teaching?

Catholic Social Teaching is what the Catholic Church teaches us about our responsibility to make the world a better place. It is all of the writings of Bishops and Popes that help us understand how to apply the teaching of Jesus in contemporary problems. For example "Brothers and Sisters to Us" is a document by the U.S. Bishops that addresses the problem of racism in America.

What makes Catholic Social Teaching so great is that it helps answer the question: "How do I live out the gospel in today's world?"

Catholic Social Teaching teaches us about social justice. When we talk about justice, we are not talking about judges and juries and lawyers. We are talking about making our communities places that treat everyone the way that Jesus would treat them. That can be really hard, but our faith teaches us that we have to do it. Doing service and fighting injustice is not an option for Christians. It needs to be something we do just like going to church.

Catholic Social Teachings are presented in a couple of ways: Seven Principles or 10 Major Themes. By knowing and understanding them, we can begin to see the world the way that God wants it to be. Once we see, then we can start to make changes!

"The Church has received from Christ the mission of preaching the Gospel message, which contains a call to people to turn away from sin to the love of the Father, universal kinship and a consequent demand for justice in the world. This is the reason why the Church has the right, indeed the duty, to proclaim justice on the social, national and international level, and to denounce instances of injustice, when the fundamental rights of people and their very salvation demand it. **Justice in the World** (#36)"

In the coming weeks we will examine and reflect on the 10 Major Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

## Announcements:

- We will begin the new Faith Formation year with Mass & Open House on Sept. 15 at 6:00pm. See you all there!
- Our first Pizza & Prayer will be held on Oct. 13 at 5:30. We invite all families including Summer FF families to join us for pizza. Watch for details & sign-up.
- As part of class on Oct. 13 the students will pray the Rosary. We invite all parents & Summer FF students & families to join us.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

**September 19, 2010**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 16:1-13**

### Reflection for Families

Children learn at a young age that "buying friends" is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or want-

ing to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today's Gospel.

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Think about the next opportunity each member will have for selecting a gift. It might be for a relative or friend's birthday or Christmas in a few months. Spend some time and energy thinking about a gift that would have special meaning for that friend and begin now to prepare it. Perhaps you could make a collage or scrapbook of your friendship, write a poem, or reflection that speaks from your heart about how much the person means to you.



Take the money you would normally have spent on the gift and apply it toward helping someone who is in need.

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